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Library wins award

The Morton Grove Public Library is proud to announce that it has been awarded the 1992 **Gale/RASD Research Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services.** This award, sponsored by a major publisher of reference books and a division of the American Library Association, is given to a library for developing an imaginative and unique resource to meet patrons' reference needs.

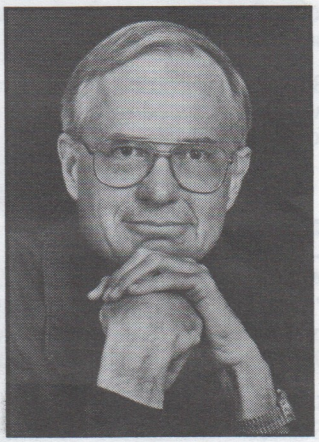
The Library won the award, which is accompanied by a $1,000 cash gift, for the development of ORRS, the Online Ready Reference System. "Ready reference" refers to those questions that can usually be answered quickly with sources the librarian has available right at the Reference Desk, questions such as, "Who is my Representative in Washington," or "What is the proper gift for a twenty-fifth wedding anniversary." Libraries generally have one or more paper or card files full of ready reference-type information. ORRS, which was designed and programmed by Kevin Justie, the Library's Coordinator of Automated Services and in-house computer expert, is a system of nine computer database files containing information from the library's ready reference files and other sources. Among the subjects covered are government officials; indexes to phone books, plays and songs; referral information for government and private agencies serving Morton Grove; and statistical information on Morton Grove. These files are located on a computer at the Reference Desk, providing the librarians with literally thousands of pieces of information, right at their fingertips. Computerization of ready reference files makes them both easier to use and far more useful.

The primary goal in the creation of ORRS was to improve the reference service provided to Library patrons. The experiences of the Library's reference staff, and the winning of the Gale/RASD award, attest to the fact that this goal has been reached.

Inside Writing and Publishing

The annual lecture series, **Inside Writing and Publishing,** featuring prominent Chicago and suburban writers, will be presented at the Morton Grove Public Library during March and April.

William Love, mystery novelist and author of *The Chartreuse Clue*, will speak on "Plotting the Mystery" on Thursday, March 12 at 7:30. Writing is his third career, following his previous occupations as a priest and a banker.


Mystery writer William Love

Children's author, **Abby Levine**, will discuss "Writing For Children" on Sunday, March 15 at 2:00. She will speak from the two perspectives of a children's book editor and a children's author, whose books include *Too Much Mush* and *Sometimes I Wish I Were Mindy*.

On Thursday, April 2, novelist **Jay Amberg** will speak about writing his first novel, *Deep Gold*. He is an English teacher at Glenbrook South High School and is also the author of *The Creative Writing Handbook*.

Novelist Jay Amberg

To kick off National Library Week, the Library will present novelist **Carol Anshaw** on Sunday, April 5 at 3:00. Ms. Anshaw's first novel for adults, *Aquamarine* has just been published and she is also the author of several books for young adults, including the series, *The Girls of Canby Hall*.

To conclude the series, novelist **Ron Levitsky** will appear on Thursday, April 9 at 7:30. Formerly a resident of Morton Grove, Mr. Levitsky is a social studies teacher at Sunset Ridge School and has published his first novel, *The Love That Kills*.

Refreshments will be served at all programs and both adults and students are invited to attend. The Inside Writing and Publishing lecture series is presented in cooperation with a coalition of north suburban libraries. Brochures giving dates and locations of all programs at the participating libraries are available at the Circulation Desk.

Big Band Sound of Deerfield returns

Spring is coming and so is the Big Band Sound of Deerfield! By popular request, the band will again present a concert of new and old favorites in the Baxter Room on Sunday, March 22 at 2:00.

Under the direction of saxophonist Dave Wolff, the 20-piece band is composed of businessmen who play, as an avocation, the great music of Miller, Basie, and Hamlisch. They have entertained audiences throughout the North Shore for many years and everyone is invited to come and enjoy their special music.

Income tax assistance

A timely Tax Preparation Seminar will be conducted on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 in the Baxter Room. Bill Kasper, and IRS tax service technician, will explain the intricacies of the 1992 income tax forms and will help individuals prepare their forms.

Please bring adequate income information and pertinent questions so that you can benefit fully from this helpful program.

Respite for care providers

An informational program on our local Respite Care Service will be presented on Thursday, March 5 at 7:30. The Respite Care Program, a community-based, nurse-managed program of the Visiting Nurse Association North, provides a caregiver relief from the constant care of an elderly or ill family member.

Both out-of-home care and in-home care will be discussed in this valuable program for all caregivers.

Financial seminar

A financial seminar for people of all ages, "Financial Strategies for the 90's" will be presented on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30.

Jeanmarie Jubelt from IDS Financial Services will discuss examining your current financial situation, having adequate protection, managing income taxes and accumulating and preserving assets for retirement. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

Living trusts

"How to Avoid Probate With a Living Trust" will again be presented at the Library on Thursday, April 30 at 2:00 by attorney Chester Przybylo.

Mr. Przybylo feels that the living trust is a significant alternative to a will in planning an estate. He will also discuss guardianship and probate and will answer questions from the audience.

Please note the afternoon time for this important program.

Spring gardening program

Celebrate the birth of Spring, 1992 by coming to our annual gardening program on Thursday, March 24 at 7:30.

Robert Milke, horticulturist from the Garfield Park Conservatory will present "The Beautiful Lily", a slide-program on one of our favorite spring beauties. He will also talk about other spring flowers and bring samples of them for all to enjoy.

Morton Grove Art Guild exhibit

The Library will feature a special art exhibit of the work of the Morton Grove Art Guild from March 28 through May 2 in the Baxter Room. Members' paintings in all media will be displayed and the public is invited to choose, by ballot, its favorite painting. The winning painting will be dubbed "The People's Choice Award" and will be announced at an Art Reception on Saturday, May 2 at 2:00 in the Baxter Room.

Ballots will be available in the Baxter Room throughout the month of April and everyone is invited to come to the Art Reception.

Retirement in Florida

Looking for a place to retire in Florida? Then come to a program on "Florida Retirement" on Wednesday, April 8 at 7:30. Morton Grove resident, Sid Manalo, and Elio Buoni of Sunbelt Enterprises will discuss the advantages of living in Florida or investing in real estate there. A video will be shown and a question-and-answer period will follow the presentation.

Americans with Disabilities Act

It is the intention of the Morton Grove Public Library to make its services, programs and activities equally accessible to qualified persons with disabilities to the extent required by the ADA. Information regarding the existence and location of these services may be obtained by visiting the Library or by contacting the Library Director's office at (708) 965-4220.

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In the Baxter Room...

Travelogues

"Postcards From Poland" will highlight the travelogue on Poland on Tuesday, March 10. The history of this indomitable country will also be presented.

On Tuesday, April 14, world-traveller Nathan Hoffman will take us on a journey through New Zealand via his colorful slides and entertaining narration. Both travelogues will be shown at 11:30 and 7:30.

Book Review

A Book Review will be presented by Barbara Todd on Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 and repeated on Wednesday, April 29 at 2:00. The selection will be announced later. Please note the date change from Thursday to Wednesday.

Lunchtime Movies

The film series, ***The Ascent of Man***, will continue at Lunchtime Movies during March and April. Also to be shown are films on Canada, Florence, Queen Victoria, golf and stamps. All films are shown at 11:30 on Tuesdays and free coffee is served.

MOVIES

Our Spring program of current feature films will begin with ***Little Man Tate*** on Monday, March 16. This wise and funny film stars Jodie Foster and Dianne Wiest and marks the directing debut of Ms. Foster. It is rated G.

The glorious adventures of the starship Enterprise will explode on the screen once again in ***Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country***, shown on Monday, April 13. The film stars William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy and the whole crew, and is rated PG-13.

Both films are free of charge and will be shown at 2:30 and 7:30.

The Library will be closed Easter Sunday, April 19.

The following groups meet regularly at the library:

Agoraphobia – every Tuesday, 7:00
Citizens for Legal Responsibility – 4th Tues., 7:00
Morton Grove Lioness Club – 4th Monday, 7:00
Quilters – 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00
Toastmasters – 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:30
North Shore Prime Timers - 3rd Thursday, 7:00
Morton Grove Coin Club – 3rd Monday, 7:00
Morton Grove Historical Society – 3rd Tuesday, 7:30

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Children's programs

The Spring sessions of children's classes will begin March 30 and registration will start March 9 for Morton Grove residents, and March 16 for non-residents.

Classes run from the week of March 30 through the week of May 18.

Library Playtime for 2½ Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:
Thursday ..... 10:30 am
Friday ..... 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 and 12 parents

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2 Monday 7:00 pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3..... Monday 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6..... Friday 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

Pre-School Story Time
Please choose one of the following times for children ages 3-Kindergarten
Monday ..... 1:00 pm
Tuesday ..... 1:00 pm
Wednesday..... 10:00 am
Thursday ..... 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Creative Writing
Grades 2-6..... Wednesday 4:00 pm
or Thursday 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

Battle of the Books

A junior high book-reading contest, "The Battle of the Books," is under way at the Morton Grove Public Library. It is conducted by Library staff members Ronnie Rund and Kip Roberson and includes four teams of students from East Prairie, Gemini, and Parkview schools. Team members are required to read a list of 50 books and answer specific questions about each book.

Everyone is welcome to observe the meets, which are held on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Baxter Room at 4:00.

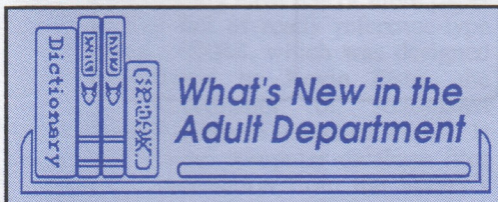
Step right up...

...girls and boys, ladies and gentlemen, children of all ages. To show children that books can be as much fun as a circus, the Morton Grove Public Library will present the **Children's Circus of Books**, a fun-filled family activity to be held on Saturday, April 11, from 1:00 - 4:00. Ticket books will be available at the Children's Room desk beginning Monday, March 30. "Patches the Clown," book displays, balloons, games, prizes and refreshments will delight everyone. This program is funded by a grant from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation. Watch for an upcoming flyer with more details.

Race Car Rally

Race Car Rally, a school-year-long reading program for first through sixth graders, will end on Sat., April 25. A total of 252 children are participating in the program. A gala party for the high readers and winning team will be held on Sat., May 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Children's Dept. staff members (l to r): Teresa Jensen, Natalya Fishman, Joan Gross (department head), Ronnie Rund, Lidia Nazak, Marian Schulte and Beverly Copeland. (Not pictured: Dolores Cavazos, Elina Oshurkov)



What's New in the Adult Department

Fiction

Adler, Elizabeth - ***Fortune Is a Woman***

Anderson, Virginia - ***Storm Front***

Appignanesi, Lisa - ***Memory and Desire***

Anshaw, Carol - ***Aquamarine***

Crichton, Michael - ***Rising Sun***

Dean, Maureen - ***Capitol Secrets***

Grisham, John - ***A Time to Kill***

Katzenbach, John - ***Just Cause***

Lehrer, Jim - ***Short List***

Lewis, Susan - ***Stolen Beginnings***

McBain, Ed - ***Kiss***

Moss, Robert - ***Fire Along the Sky***

Powers, John - ***The Junk-Drawer Corner - Store Front-Porch Blues***

Non-Fiction

Beers, Dr. Mark - ***Aging in Good Health - A Complete, Essential Medical Guide for Older Men & Women & Their Families***

Bremzen, Anya - ***Please to the Table - The Russian Cookbook***

Brugioni, Dino - ***Eyeball to Eyeball - The Inside Story of the Cuban Missile Crisis***

Burkett, Larry - ***The Coming Economic Earthquake***

Giese, Lester - ***The 99 Best Residential & Recreational Communities in America***

Loomis, Susan - ***Farm House Cookbook***

Marone, Nicky - ***Women & Risk - How to Master Your Fears***

Metro Chicago Almanac - Fascinating Facts and Offbeat Offerings About the Windy City

Pozner, Vladimir - ***Eyewitness - A Personal Account of the Unraveling of the Soviet Union***

Videos

Delirious
Thelma and Louise
Rocketeer
Regarding Henry
Naked Gun 2 1/2
Terminator 2
Dead Again
Coming in April:
Boyz n the Hood
Rambling Rose
For children...
True Baloo
McTreasure Island
Around the World in 80 Days (animated)
Never Talk to Strangers
Meeting the World

Calendar of Events

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1	2	3 Lunchtime Movies 11:30	4	5 **Respite Care** 7:30	6	7
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29	30	31 Lunchtime Movies 11:30				

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